

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

A commodity management system includes: a mobile commodity case (12)-storing a plurality of commodities each having an information storage medium which allows information to be read out or written in between a reader/writer (13) and the information storage medium in a contact-less manner; and control means for gathering information on all the commodities stored in the mobile commodity case (12)-en bloc via contact-less communications with the information storage media and the reader/writer-(13).